STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): On the Railways, the following posts have been excluded from the purview of reservation:—

(i) Vacancies filled up by transfer/ deputation

(ii) Vacancies filled up by promotions where the element of direct recruitment exceeds 75%.

(iii) Temporary appointment of less than 45 days duration.

(iv) Promotions against leave vacancies of less than 45 days;

(v) Those work charged posts which are required for emergencies, like flood relief work, accident restoration and relief etc.;

(vi) Appointment of Casual Labourers/ Subsitutes;

(vii) Posts filled up in production Control Organisation by drafting staff from the shop floor on ex-cadre tenure basis without involving promotions. However, when the ex-cadre tenure posts are filled up through promotions, reservation rules will apply;

(viii) Posts of Instructors in Training Schools filled by drafting employees from other departments on tenure basis;

(ix) Posts of Vigilance Inspector;

(x) In a scheme of upgradation where all the posts in a category are upgraded;

The exclusions listed at S. Nos. (i) to (v) above are based on the para 3.3 of Chapter III of the Brochure on the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes in Services(8th Edition), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, New Delhi, 1993.

As regard S.No. (vi), it is to state that the engagement of casual labour is done for seasonal intermittent sporadic works. In the same way, the substitutes are engaged on non availability of permanent or temporary railway servants against the posts which cannot be kept vacant even for a short period. Thus, the engagements of casual labour/substitutes are done for short periods and are not counted as temporary appointments. Therefore, engagement of casual labour/substitutes has been kept outside the purview of reservation rules. However, the authorities who engage casual labour/substitutes have been advised that the intakes should as far as possible be according to the prescribed percentages of reservation in favour of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe communities.

The exclusions as per S.Nos. (vii) to (ix) are based on the consideration that these posts are filled up on deputation basis for a specific tenure.

It may be mentioned that the post of Vigilance Inspector appearing at S.No. (ix) was reserved prior to 1964, vide the instruction contained in Board's letter No. E(SCT)57CMI/ 20 dated 27th April 1959. Subsequently, vide Board's letter No. E(SCT)/62/CM/15/10 dated 28th March, 1964, the post of Vigilance Inspector was excluded from the scope of reservation in promotion grade.

Regarding S.No.(x), it is not really an exclusion, because all the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates get the benefit of upgradation alongwith the general candidates.

Completion of Irrigation Work Near Railway Bridge at Dendulum Railway Station

748. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatiosn have been received by the South Central Railway to cooperate in completing irrigation works near Railway Bridge at Dendulum Railway Station in West Godavari district;

(b) whether it is a fact that Irrigation Department of Andhra Pradesh has also written in this context;

(d) what steps are proposed to expedite cooperation on a practical basis between Andhra Pradesh Government and South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION(SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The proposal has been Jointly inspected by the Railways and Irrigation Authorities. The Irrigation Department has been advised to carryout the work under Railways supervision duly depositing the supervision and other charges as per Railway rules.

Derailment of Hyderabad-Narsapur Express

749. SHRI N. R. DASARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hyderabad-Narsapur Express got derailed near Sattenapalli in Guntur District on 8th October killing 11 persons and injuring more than 30 persons;

(b) whether anohter derailment took place within a week, i.e. on 15th Oct. at the same route at Maniguda village near nalgonda town involving Inter City Express, between Hyderabad and Guntur, injuring sixteen persons;

(c) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has wanted an inquiry into frequent accidents by an independent agency other than railway Department; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes sir, there was derailment of 7056 Hyderabad-Narsapur Express on 8.10.1998 wherein 11 persons were killed and 37 injured.

(b) yes sir, there was also another derailment of 7006 Inter City Express in which 12 persons were injured.

(c) The accidents were due to Sabotage and human failure respectively.

(d) and (e) yes sir, the accident enquiry in case of above mentioned accident is being conducted by Commissisoner of Railway Safety, South Central circle who is an independent authority under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Conversion of Express Train into Ordinary Train

750. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any specific rule for converting an Express train into an ordinary train at any point, after its departure from the starting point as Express one;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) on how many occasions the 3103 UP Bhagirathi Express was converted into ordinary passenger train from Krishnagar city Junction during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION(SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. However, during dislocations caused by derailments/agitatiosn some Express trains are provided additional stoppages to clear standed passengers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 3103 Up Bhagirathi express has been provided some additional stoppags to clear standed passengers between Debagram and Lalgola on 4 occasions during the last six months (between May 1998 and Oct. 1998).

Rail Accidents

751. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents involving goods as well as passenger trains during last ten months;

(b) how many of these were due to derailments;

(c) the losses due to these accidents;

(d) whether human factor has been the main cause for these accidents; and